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Announcement 544

Attention Provider Type 34 (Therapy): Prior Authorization Required for Therapy Services

Beginning January 1, 2013, with the exception of evaluations and re-evaluations, all therapy services provided by provider type 34 (Therapy) to both children and adults must be prior authorized. Claims for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, which have not been prior authorized, will be denied. Effective immediately, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has authorized HP Enterprise Services (HPES) to approve prior authorizations for dates of service that span from calendar years 2012 into 2013.

For example:

If providers submit prior authorization (PA) requests to HPES for dates of service that begin in November 2012,

And

the requested services are determined to be medically necessary by HPES,

Then

HPES may approve requests with dates of service that begin in calendar year 2012 and end in calendar year 2013.

Providers are encouraged to submit their prior authorization requests as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the end of December 2012 to submit them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jon Kirwan (775) 684-3706.